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The information disclosure statement filed November 14, 2002 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97 (e). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. A signed but not initialed copy of form PTO-1449, wherein the citation is lined through, is attached hereto.

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